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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Shinichi OSHIMA

Application No.: 08/988,181

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Group Art Unit: 3711

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Examiner: Raeann Gorden

For: GOLF BALL SELECTION DEVICE

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2000, the Applicant responds as follows.

**REMARKS**

This Response, submitted in response to the Office Action of October 27, 2000, is believed fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-43 are presently pending in the application. The claims stand rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Connell in view of Taylor. The Examiner relies on Connell for the teachings of a box with pictures and written descriptions of the contents of the box, recognizing that it discloses information regarding cigars. The Examiner then resorts to Taylor for teaching a golf ball and contending that such balls are sold in boxes having a cover. The Examiner concludes that it would have been obvious to combine the teachings of the two references to render the present invention unpatentable.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Connell, as the Examiner recognizes, discloses a box with pictures and written descriptions of cigars which are contained within the box. Connell, however, fails to teach or